

REMARKS

Claims 8-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 8, 16, and 21 have been amended. Claims 8 and 16 are independent claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Telephonic Interview of April 3, 2007

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Samuel Berhanu for taking the time to discuss the application with Applicants' representative, Jason Rhodes (Reg. No. 47, 305), during the telephonic interview of April 3, 2007.

Claims Discussed: Claim 8

Proposed Amendment: Applicants forwarded a proposed amendment of claim 8 to the Examiner via facsimile on March 26, 2007. This proposed amendment was discussed during the telephone interview.

General Results: The Examiner stated that the proposed amendment would overcome the current prior art rejection of claim 8. However, the Examiner indicated that further search and consideration would be necessary.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 8, 10, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,734,254 to Stephens (hereafter "Stephens"). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

In the Amendment filed October 24, 2006, Applicants previously argued that Stephens fails to teach or suggest a coil configured to alternate between an energized and de-energized

state at regular intervals in a polling mode. However, in the Response to Arguments, the Examiner asserts,

“Since no polling mode circuitry is claimed, any coil is configured to energize and de-energize at a regular interval in a polling mode, e.g., any coil can transmit FM, AM and etc.” (Office Action at page 8).

In view of the Examiner’s assertion, Applicants have amended claim 8 to more clearly recite that the processor unit *is programmed to operate in a polling mode*, and that the coil *is controlled by the processor unit* to alternate between the energized and de-energized state at regular intervals while in the polling mode. This distinguishes over the Examiner’s characterization of “any coil” in the Response to Arguments. Further, during the telephonic interview discussed above, the Examiner agreed that such amendments would overcome this rejection.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 8 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 8. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9 and 12-15

Claims 9, 13, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephens in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,143 to Stobbe (hereafter “Stobbe”). Claim 12 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephens in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,963,012 to Garcia et al. (hereafter “Garcia”). Further, claim 14 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephens in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,163,132 to Higuchi (hereafter “Higuchi”).

Applicants respectfully submit that none of Stobbe, Garcia, and Higuchi remedies the deficiencies of Stephens set forth above in connection with independent claim 8. Particularly, none of these references teach or suggest a processor unit programmed to operate in a polling mode, and a coil controlled by the processor unit to alternate between an energized and de-energized state at regular intervals while in the polling mode, as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9 and 12-15 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 8. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Claims 16, 17, and 21

Claims 16, 17, and 21 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia in view of Stephens and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0155892 to Poletti (hereafter "Poletti"). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As amended, independent claim 16 now recites displaying an object on a graphical user interface in order to visually indicate that external power is being received, wherein the displayed object *visually differentiates between receiving inductive power and utility power*.

In the rejection, the Examiner relies on Poletti to teach the claimed "displaying an object," citing Fig. 3 (reference character 22) and paragraph 31. However, in paragraph 31, Poletti list the types of information that may be provided in the display 22:

"The display 22 allows to visualise data concerning the type of battery to be charged, the type of charging curve of the battery, and the parameters pertaining to the different charging steps, for example: charging current, voltage at the battery terminals, elapsed time from beginning of the charge, ampere-hours supplied and energy used by the apparatus from the beginning of the charge."

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no teaching or suggestion in Poletti of displaying an object that *visually differentiates between receiving inductive and utility power*, as

claimed. Furthermore, as acknowledged by the Examiner in page 6 of the office Action, neither Garcia nor Stephens teaches or suggests displaying an object on a graphical user interface. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest every claimed feature recited in claim 16.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 16 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 17, 19, and 21 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 18-20

Claim 18 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia, Stephens, and Poletti, and further in view of Stobbe. Claim 19 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia, Stephens, and Poletti, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,455,466 to Parks et al. (hereafter "Parks"). Further, claim 20 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia, Stephens, and Poletti, and further in view of Higuchi.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of Stobbe, Parks, and Higuchi remedies the deficiencies of Garcia, Stephens, and Poletti set forth above in connection with independent claim 16. Particularly, Garcia is relied on by the Examiner only to teach authenticating data, while Parks is relied on only to teach converting inductive power to a direct current, and Higuchi is relied on only to teach transmitting data indicative of the step of receiving inductive power (see Office Action at pages 7-8). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18-20 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claim 16. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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However, should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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